

Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!

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Wow, here we are almost to Halloween and just a short jump to Thanksgiving and Christmas! Plenty going on this fall in Brookfield with Oktoberfest upon us - following is what's on tap for Oct. 18th. If you're in town this weekend there are lots of fun things going on!

Oktoberfest At Twin Parks - October 18, 2014

* 2nd Annual Craft Fair, Flea Market, & Garage Sale with FREE Vendor Spaces (over 40 Vendors have already committed to attend!

* Baby & Toddler Contest at 10am

* Kids Zone (9am to 4pm) with Pumpkin Decorating, Blow up Games, Hay Rides, Zucchini Bowling, etc.

* Cow Chip Bingo at 10am

* Pie Eating Contest at 1pm

* Bed Races at 2pm

* Musical Entertainment (TBA at a later time)

* Scavenger Hunt

* Beer Tent all afternoon and early evening

* Hay Ride Pub Crawl for the adults from 5pm-9pm

Check out our Downtown - For those of us who have been working so hard to improve the looks of our downtown and ultimately convince entrepreneurs to open up businesses in empty storefronts we are now beginning to reap some of the

benefits of all of that hard work. In response to a recent local unfounded criticism of the BAGP style of community & economic development efforts, following is a list of just some of the positive things that have occurred here over the past year alone. We are proud to be a community whose development efforts have become a model for rural communities all over Missouri. Takes time and small steps but with continued support from the community and those who have moved away but remain here in spirit we are assured of ultimate success;

Apex Plastics - \$2 million dollar expansion & renovation.

Dollar Connection – new retail store opened in the old Mart Drug/Green Hills Pharmacy building

Miss Mary’s Marketplace – new retail store/restaurant opened in the old Cisco Brown building

Civil War statue rehabilitated with \$25,000 raised from private sources

The BAGP Main Street Connection committee organized the sale of engraved bricks which funded our beautiful renovation of the center oval, curbing and provided for our amazing Walk of Heroes project.

State License Office – saved from moving out of Brookfield, relocated back onto Main Street and recently opened in the newly tuck pointed & renovated IOOF building at the north end of North Main Street

Hwy 36 Diner – renovated building and opened in the old Cattleman’s Restaurant on West Lockling Street.

Archery Zone & Stihl Dealer opened in old Hahn Implement building across from Rose Hill Cemetery

Briar Patch Bookstore & Tea Room opens in renovated older home on South Main Street

Brookfield Area Growth Partnership Leadership Academy kicked off its 9th straight Academy class with 19 students on board taking the opening Brookfield by Bus tour.

Brookfield Area Growth Partnership finished the 1800 sq. foot loft over its offices on North Main Street and plans to lease it out to help cover expenses of the organization. The project is also what we hope will be a springboard for owners of other business buildings downtown who have upstairs not being utilized right now.

Kevin and Brenda DeVoy completely renovate their commercial building on North Main inside and out. The outside has sparked improvements at four other downtown buildings with two other buildings being prepared for new occupants.

Facades on three of our historic downtown building have been painted.

Brookfield Football team opens 2014 season with eight straight wins and wins our first Clarence Cannon Conference Championship since joining the CCC five years ago.

Brookfield joined with Marceline to win the Nation's Best High School football rivalry contest, winning by 1.7 million votes!! Brookfield hosted the Bell Game that drew thousands of fans to town. BTW – if you didn't hear, we won the game too!

Brookfield Fabricating Corp. is having a banner year running 24 hours a day and 12 hours shifts.

Stanbury Uniforms will likely build 35,000 band uniforms this year – they currently employ 175 people in their two locations.

***Community Chorus* – The Linn County Community Chorus has begun practices for their Dec. 6 & 7th Christmas concerts. Those interested in joining the chorus this fall can still do so by joining us for practice each Thursday evening, 7 p.m., at the First Christian Church in Brookfield.**

***Class of 1964* - This BHS Class held its 50th class reunion during Homecoming Weekend (Sept. 26-28). Originally the class graduated 94 students but 24**

have passed away over the years. Of the 70 remaining students, 56 came back for their 50th reunion. Those numbers are pretty outstanding in my opinion and certainly a lofty goal for all of the other classes to strive to match. I graduated in '68 in a class of 100 students and I'm not sure we have had 56 back for reunions for the last three gatherings combined!

Bulldog Football Report – If you have not been following Bulldog football this fall then you will be thrilled to learn that Brookfield has won the first 8 games of the year, dominating our toughest Clarence Cannon Conference nemesis in Centralia and Macon, and this past week taking down last year's CCC Champions, the Palmyra Panthers. The win gave the Bulldogs our first Conference Championship since joining the CCC five years ago. Brookfield can finish out their first undefeated regular season in over twenty years by beating the Clark County Indians this Friday night in Kahoka. If we do win and do so by 13 or more points the Bulldogs will secure the number one seed in our eight team district, meaning we are guaranteed home games throughout District play. Of course the playoffs mean you have to win to continue playing, a loss and you go home!

Major District competition this year will include East Buchannan and St. Joe Bishop LeBlond. District 8 is comprised of Brookfield, East Buchannan, St. Joe Bishop LeBlond, Trenton, Lathrop, Lawson, Lexington and Carrollton. The playoff format will pit the top seed against the 8 seed a so forth. At this time it appears the top seeded team will take on 8th seed Trenton in the first District game on Oct. 24th.

JV/Jr High report – Brookfield's JV team remained unbeaten this year with a 40-8 pounding of the Macon Tigers and a 41-8 decision over Trenton. The Freshmen squad has a shorter schedule with a win over Monroe City and a rainout against Centralia so far. The freshmen and JV finish with games at Lathrop on Oct. 20th. Freshmen and JV games against Centralia & Macon were rained out twice and have not been rescheduled.

Our 8th grade team went undefeated this year, beating Cameron 38-0 this week and then beat the Marceline Tigers this week in the Tinker Bell game 28-6. Our 7th grade finished at 3-2 as they completed their season against Cameron last week with a 36-0 victory. There was not a 7th grade game against Marceline; the Tigers were short on players for that one. Congratulations to Coach Thomason and his young Bullpups!

Have to feel pretty good about the future of the Bulldog football program!

***BHS Hall of Fame* – The BHS Alumni Committee has opened up nominations for our 2015 Hall of Fame Banquet. I have attached the nomination form. Please remember, we need some research and back ground information on nominees in order to be considered by the Judges. Hope you are making plans to come home the second weekend of July, 2015 for Alumni Weekend. It just seems to get better and better every year!**

***Birthdays* – Oct. 14th, Gambal Staddie, our grandson's 10th birthday, Bert Summy, Lon Luckert, Jake Cambell, Oct. 15th, Jennifer Kulseth, Oct. 16th, Nick Sprague, Oct. 17th, **John Remol, my brother in law**, Whitney Burns, Paige Clawson, Leonard Nixon, Thomas Duncan, Oct. 18th, Rich Rhodes, Shelly Martin, Roylynn Roe, Jo Ellen Boley, Andy Martin, Gale Hunt, Oct. 19th, Susie O'Hara, Linda Packham, Carey Smith, Nelson Fay, Elsie McCollum, Susie Staples, Oct. 20th, John Holton, Michelle (Morris) Scates, Oct. 21st, Melissa Kearns, Leanna Cash, Kaylee Dowell, Reed McBroom, Betsy Hahn, Oct. 22nd, Fran Graff, Byron Hedrick, Michela Mura, John Perry, Dalton Palmer, Dedra Clark Schute, Bryce Husted, Oct. 23rd, Barbara Beach, Dan Daugherity, Virginia Fite, John McKenzie, Bob Middleton, Sandi Morris, **Jovie Noel Staddie, our granddaughter**, Oct. 24th, Paula White Jessen, Paulette Holtz, Anitra Walgren, Sue Frances (Knowles) Lambert, Oct. 25th, Samantha Bulecheck, Ronnie Hall, Josh Jacobi, Jason Sportsman, Jim Wright, Heather Hamann, Mary Ann Reed, Stewart McCollum, Mary Coram, Oct. 26th, Chandler Gall, Penny Williams, Paul Barger, Vanessa Bradley, Oct. 27th, Rick Austin, Kode Bulecheck, Cody King,**

Emily Luckert, Lois Bailey, Dane Phillips, Caleb Calhoun, Oct. 28th, Barbara Hamilton, Cassie Frock, Kirra Richardson, Oct. 29th, Ronda Anderson, Jase Cowan, Bonnie Davis, Mike White, Bonnie Witte, Lee Anthony, Gary McCracken, Oct. 30th, Doug Cleveland, Cheryl Stuver, Shonta Adair, Kayla Kaye, Sara Mosely, Terry Watts, Tracy Calhoun, Oct. 31st, Derek Jones, Nicholas Rhodes, Michael Hamilton, Nov. 1st, Jim Glidewell, Vanessa Lincoln, Mary Sisson, Chris Zumbrennen, Ron Carter, Jeremy Martin, Nov. 2nd, Clarke Burns, Cindy Buckallew, Kelly Kimble, Naomi Paris, Darren Potter, Andrea Severa, Timi Haag, Nov. 3rd, Sherry Baker, Nov. 4th, Jeannie Allen, Nov. 5th, Shane Moser, Brad Parn, Amber Keune, Nov. 6th, Darlene Craig, Erma Rulon, Tonia Montgomery, Caro Robbins, Lonnie Trentham, David Moss, Elizabeth Quigley, Nov. 7th, Kirk Jessen, Debbie Bennett, Ross Ehrich, Don Hoover, Logan Riddle, Derek Dixon, Nov. 8th, Justin Long, Lori Bredehoff, Ashley Rogers, Nov. 9th, Harold Mace, Bailey Morton, Susan Jessen, Nov. 10th, **Nile Thudium, our son**, Sara Bara, Joseph Carr, Nov. 11th, Shelby Lane, Sharon Logan, Jackie (Hunt) Tomlinson, David Keller, Danny Phillips, Brent Copple, Nov. 12th, **Shane Thudium, my lovely wife!**, Tyson Stark, Douglas Palmer, Benjamin Bloss, Nov. 13th, Claire Batson, Sarah Johnson, Sarah Paalhar, Nov. 14th, Gene Buckallew, Daniel Hedrick, Mike Holtz, Rogene Smith, Brad Wright, Alvin Smith, Charles Wright, Billy Barton, Aaron Sprouse, Stella Kulseth, Nov. 15th, Caleb Farrenkopf, Jeremy Williams, **Betsy (Demarest) Rosetti, my cousin**, Nov. 16th, James Myers, Madilyn Lumsden, Connie Quigley, Tyler McPherson, Lindsey Hudson, Maddie Lumsden, Nov. 17th, Jeremiah Bush, Roy Hunt, Jennifer Waugh, Nov. 18th, Hermenta Pendleton, Mary Mace, Ellen Craig, Lincoln Cantrall, Megan McCormick, Rachel Skinner, Marilyn Stone, Nov. 19th, Rita Moore, Connie Evans, Shane Evans, Nov. 20th, Tyler Lane, Kenneth Almond, Sharron Huffmon, Nov. 21st, Melanie Selmon, Porter Robinson, Brian Sportsman, Riley Dyer, Christina Fristoe, Mandy Morton, Xander Waugh, Nov. 22nd, Amanda Bush, Kammy Dixon, Susan McBroom, Nov. 23rd, Cecilia Spath, Hannah Matheney, Ethan Malloy, Nov. 24th, Laura Craig, Charlie Brockman, Janet Brockman, Ina Finney, Jeff Harper, Jason Sherwood, Nov. 25th, **Piper Jean Thudium, our granddaughter**, Brooke Holland, Duane Thompson, Morgan Speichinger, Melvin Roberts, Nov. 26th, Amanda Gibson, Nov. 28th, Sarah Wessing, Roxie Parker, Rachel Sackrey, Beverly Lewis, David Hayes, Nov. 29th, Cindy Rhodes, Ryan Williams, Cassie Conard, Wesley

Enyeart, Hannah Singleton, Joann St. Clair, Nov. 30th, Kolbie Gall, Jerry Richardson.

Anniversaries – Oct. 14th, William & Anne Devoy, Oct. 17th, Ben & Jenessa Keller, Oct. 19th, Tommy & Cindy Sportsman, Oct. 22nd, Jerry & Sherry Enyeart, Oct. 31st, Dustin & Kelly Watson, Nov. 6th, Steve & Janie Nelson, Nov. 8th, Aaron & Monica Baker, Nov. 9th, Zach & Monica Britton, Nov. 12th, Garry & Sharon Logan, Todd & Jamie Matheney, Nov. 13th, Jerry & Elaine Myers, Nov. 14th, Eric & Kaye Mallory, Stuart & Melinda Hughes, Nov. 16th, Paul & Donna Barger, Nov. 17th, Dale & Barbara Beach, Joe & Marlene Watkins, Nov. 27th, Jerry '81 & Darlene '81(Linn R-1) Craig, Nov. 29th, Jason & Christy Sherwood, Nov. 30th, Jerod & Chretien Gilman.

Thanks as always for reading *Hellooooo Brookfield !!!* Please remember to shop Linn County first and don't forget to let me know when you have Good News or Interesting Stories!